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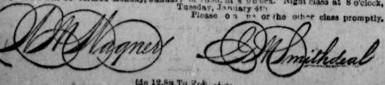
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By class will be formed Monday, January 3, 183c, at 4 officer. Night class at 8 officer.

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Superintendent Jackson, the United States Government agent, has written for this newspaper an interesting state

## KLONDIKERS

THERE IS ROOM FOR NINE MILLION OF REINDEER.

DR. JACKSON'S SIGNED STATEMENT.

Reindeer Will Convey in Four or Fifty or Sixty Days to Reach Its

(Written for the Dispatch.)

Two recent events have brought the introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska before the American public with great prominence. One of these was the information that the miners in the plans the government found that the only possible solution was to take the reindeer trained to harness that were in the neighborhood of St. Michael, and with them freight provisions to the failed in supplying the miners with a summiners from the abundant supplies stored at St. Michael, located on the coast of tion of reasonable land transportation and Bering Sea, sixty miles above the mouth consummated than came from the Arctic Coast of Alaska that eight whaling vessels, carrying crews aggregating about four hundred men, had been unexpectedly caught in the ice, and the men were in danger of

Many plans were proposed for a relief expedition, but it was found that no plan was practicable that was not based upon the reindeer. Accordingly, the govern-ment, on the 16th of November, issued orders for the revenue cutter Bear to proceed north until stopped by ice, then make a determined effort to send a small party of officers and men over the ice to the mainland. Having landed, the party are to proceed to Cape Prince of Wales, secure the services of W. T. Lopp, a Congregational missionary, borrow his reindeer herd and the herd belonging to a native Eskimo by the name of Antisarlook (Charley), and with these two herds proceed overland five or six hundred miles in December and January to Being Berrow or with the serious control of the control

to Point Barrow, or until the sailors are The importance of the reindeer in the development of Alaska cannot be overestimated. This is true, whether looked upon from the side of humanity, utility, or commercial value. The native peoples occupying Northern Alaska were brought to a condition of semi-starvabrought to a condition of semi-starva-tion through the persistent destruction of the whale by the whalers and the rapid killing off of fur-bearing animals through the introduction of breech-loading firearms. The days when they can support themselves and families comfortably by fishing and hunting are past, and a change in their method of sub-sistence has become absolutely necessary. This change can be secured by the in-troduction of herds of domestic reindee and the education of the native popula-

tion in their care and management.

A careful computation, based upon the statistics of Lapland, where similar climatic and other conditions exist, show Northern and Central Alaska to be capable of supporting over 9,000,000 head of

reindeer.

With the discovery of large and valua ble gold deposits upon the streams and creeks of Arctic and sub-Arctic Alaska, it is found that the reindeer is as imit is found that the reindeer is as important to white men as to the Eskimo.
A dog train on a long journey will make
on an average from fifteen to twentyfive miles a day, and in some sections
cannot make the trip at all, because the
dogs cannot carry with them a sufficient
supply of food for themselves, and can
procure none in the country through
which they travel. To facilitate and
render possible frequent and speedy render possible frequent and speedy communication between these isolated settlements and growing centres of American civilization, where the ordi-nary roads of the States have no existence, and cannot be maintained, except at an enormous expense, reindeer teams that require no beaten roads, and that that require no beaten roads, and that at the close of a day's work can be turned loose to forage for themselves, are essential. Thus the introduction of reindeer into Alaska makes possible the development of the mines and the support of the miners.

The introduction of domestic reindeer among the native peoples will probably be accomplished through the instrumentality of the various missions which have been established among them. To fa-

tality of the various missions which have been established among them. To facilitate this the government has entered upon the policy of lending them small herds, with the understanding that after a term of years an equal number will be returned by the missionary societies to the government. As the mission herds increase there will be a constant supply for the establishment of new herds owned by the natives, who have taken care of the mission herd, learned the business, and received reindeer in compensation of their services. For the use of the miners some plan will be arranged by which parties desiring to establish transporta-

ion routes can procure trained deer for

The first thought of the miner in Central Alaska is to secure a good claim, and his next thought is the question of food supply-whether he can secure enough provisions from the warehouses, where they are brought by boats and in other ways, to enable him to work his other ways, to enable him to work his mine continuously. With the exception of fish and a limited quantity of wild game, and a limited quantity of garden vegetables, there is no food in the country; all bread stuffs and the large spor

Now, it should be remembered, that there are no roads in Alaska, as they exist in other sections of the United States, and that, with the almost li-limitable area of bog and swamp and tundra and frozen subsoil, it will be im-possible to make and maintain roads, except at a cost that is practically prohibitive. In summer the supplies, loaded into small boats, are pulled up the creeks or packed on men's shoulders. In winter they are hauled on dog-sleds. This costs heavily. In addition to the expense, the carrying capacity is limited—a load is from 100 to 125 pounds per sled per dog. a portion of which is food for the dogs, and if the route is a long one, without intervening stores of supply, a dog team can scarcely carry more than food suffi-

Bering Sea, sixty miles above the mouth of the Yukon. Hence, orders were issued by the War Department late in September directing Lieutenant-Colonel Randal, United States army, in charge of a detachment of troops at St. Michael, to take charge of the reindeer and with them send food to the starving miners on the Yukon. These arrangements were the Yukon. These arrangements were gree of cold, the better he thrives, Las winter a party of reindeer hauling nine sleds made a day's journey with the temperature at 73 degrees below zero. A deer with 200 pounds on the sled can travel up and down the mountains and over the plains from one end of Alaska to the other, living off the country where he travels. Last season an expedition of nine deer drawing nine sleds was made nine deer, drawing nine sleds, was made through Alaska, lasting during the four winter months, and making a total distance of 2,000 miles, during which the deer were turned out at night after a day's work to find their own provision, which is the native moss (Ciadonia rangi-

which is the native moss (Cladonia rangi-ferina) covering all that region.

The great mining interest of Central
Alaska cannot realize its fullest develop-ment until the reindeer are introduced in ment until the reindeer are introduced in sufficient numbers to do the work of supplying the mines with provisions and freight, and giving the miner speedy communication with the outside world. It now takes from fifty to sixty days to carry the mail between Juneau and Circle City. With the establishment of relay stations at suitable distances, reindeer will carry the same mail in four or five days. The reindeer is equally important to the prospector. Prospecting at a distance from the base of supplies is now impossible. The prospector can go only so far as his supply of provisions, blankets, and tools, which he carries on his own shoulders, will last him; then he must return for a fresh supply. With ten head of reindeer, packing 100 pounds each

head of reindeer, packing 100 pounds each (making half a ton of supplies), he can be gone for months penetrating regions hundreds of miles distant, his deer mean

while grazing wherever night finds him and them. With Alaska fully stocked with this valuable animal, the hardy Eskimo and the enterprising American will develop grazing and mining industries that will amount to \$0,000,000 annually, and all this in regions where such industries are now only developed sufficiently to show their

great possibilities. SHELDON JACKSON, M. D., United States General Agent of Education in Alaska.

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WEALTHIA, VA., December 11.-(Special.)-Thursday was opening day at the

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BEDFORD CITY.

Sold His Farm-A Profitable Investment-Personal and Social. BEDFORD CITY, VA., December 11 .-

(Special.)-Mr. John A. Trout, who has been a resident of this county for a number of years, has sold his farm at Thaxtens to Mr. C. W. Tate and removed to Botetourt, that he may obtain greater privileges of religious affinity with the Dunkards, of whom there are very few in this county. The result of his investments in land in Bedford affords quite an interesting suggestion of how old lands can be bought for small amounts, improved and redeemed, then sold for a profitable advance, proving there is gold in the ground here, as well as at the Klondike. Mr. Trout purchased a farm for \$3,000, made a comfortable living for his family with a surplus over expense each year, and sold the place for \$6,000, double the amount he gave for it. He double the amount he gave for it. He then bought a farm at Thaxtons, made a then bought a farm at Thaxtons, made a fine living for two years, and then sold at an advance of \$500 on the price he gave. Rev. H. H. Hawes, D. D., who is a brother of Mr. S. H. Hawes, of Richmond, is now fully established in his pastoral duties to the Presbyterian church, and has made a most favorable impression on all who have come within the range of his influence, both as an able and deeply-spiritual preacher and a man of genial, sympathetic manner. The following extract from the resolutions of the Abingtract from the resolutions of the Abingdon Presbytery in dismissing him to the Montgomery finds a ready respone in sentiment in this community: "The presbytery feels constrained to give evpression to its reluctance in separating from one of its members, who has aldevotion to the Master's cause."

A very interesting series of services are now in progress at the Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. S. Royall, and Rev. Julian Luck, of Hol-

A prize of a dozen cabinet photos was offered for the greatest number of words made from the letters of photographer, and excited a contest in logomachy with many entries. Miss Mary W. Claytor and Miss Norma Arenspaugh each made the

and some arenspaugh each made the same number, considerably over 400 words, and will be similarly rewarded.

Mr. Ewell Morgan, a prominent merchant, who was united in matrimony on Wednesday morning with Miss Maud K. Noble at Buckingham Courthouse, has returned with his bride.

It is said that quite a number of mar-riages will be celebrated in the county before the old year is rung out. Mrs. F. O. Thomas entertained the Fifteen Club very agreeably Thursday af-ternoon with a programme of vocal and instrumental music, impromptu conundrums, and dainty refreshments.

behalf of the junior branch of the Wobehalf of the junior branch of the wo-man's Auxiliary for missions at the rec-tory recently, when refreshments were furnished gratis, and the young people sold their pretty wares for the noble cause of promoting the spread of the

Mr. Samuel Griffin and bride, of Forest, were guests of Major S. Griffin this week.

Mrs. J. B. Morris and son have left their summer residence, near town, and returned Wednesday to their home, at

Mr. S. J. Burks and family left Wed-nesday for Roanoke, where they will now

reside. Mrs. J. S. Kasey is visiting her daugh-ter, Mrs. J. E. Wamsley, at Winchester,

Ky.

Mrs. James T. Leftwich, of Atlanta, who has been visiting friends here, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Vernon Smith, of Norfolk, has been the guest of Dr. S. S. Lambeth.

Rev. E. F. Hale, who has been visiting his father, Mr. J. E. Hale, has left for his new charge at Whealton.

WARM SPRINGS VALLEY.

Sold His Cottage-Cheap Mail-Carry ing-Mormons.

WARM SPRINGS, VA., December 11 .-Special.)-Mr. Fred. Sterry, the manager of the hotel belonging to the Virginia Hot Springs, is making his arrangements to leave for Florida in a few days. Mr. Sterry is only about 30 years of age, but so great a talent has he for or age, but so great a tatent has he for managing such properties, that he has the control at this time of the Homestead and Virginia hotels at the Hot, and the Healing Springs Hotel, all in this valley, and of Palem Beach Inn and the Royal Poneiana Hotel in Florida.

Mr. Robert J. Harrison, of Cincinnation has sold his cottage at the Hot Springs.

Mr. Robert J. Harrison, of Cincinnati, has sold his cottage at the Hot Springs to a New Yorker. He still owns some property at the Springs, and it is hoped that he will return here.

The munificent income derived by some of the employees of Uncle Sam is well illustrated by the compensation derived by the negro mail-carrier, who transports the mall between this point and the Hot Springs. He gets 29 cents a day. To carry the mail he must have a horse and conveyance, and as at present situated, he makes two round-trips, aggregating about twenty-five miles a day. Out of this run he has one round-trip toll to pay, which, if regular rates were charged, would be 30 cents, netting him 9 cents a day. And his contract price is 22 per month more than the government gives the contractor.

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